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SUBJECT: AFRICAN LABOR FEDERATIONS AND WFTU

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1. CHADIAN NATIONAL LABOR UNION (UNATRAT) SUSPENDED BY
GOC EARLY DECEMBER (REF B). UNION HAS NOT RESUMED
ACTIVITIES, ALTHOUGH UNION OFFICIALS NOT UNDER ARREST.

2. BEFORE SUSPENSION, WHICH WAS UNRELATED TO FOREIGN POLICY
UNATRAT HAD FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH SOVIET EMBASSY AND
CLAIMED "FRATERNAL" TIES WITH UNIONS IN USSR, EAST GERMANY,
ITALY AND FRANCE. LAST TWO MAY WELL BE CGIL AND CGT.
BUT UNATRAT OFFICIALS NOT ANTI-AMERICAN, IN FACT EXPRESSED
DESIRE FOR TIES WITH AFL-CIO. SINCE APRIL 1975 COUP D'ETAT,
NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UNATRAT TIES TO FOREIGN LABOR
HAVE BEEN MADE. UNATRAT OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF UNION DOES
NOT BELONG TO ANY INTERNATIONAL GROUP.

3. WHIL UNATRAT CLAIMS PRIVATELY SUSPENSION WILL END SOON,
GOC HAS NOT INDICATED IT WILL ALLOW UNION, SOURCE OF IRRITATION
IN PAST, TO RESURFACE. LITTLE

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